



Marine Pilotage Regulation

In 2018 the commission was granted authority over rate setting for marine pilots.

About Marine Pilotage

The 2018 Legislature passed and the governor signed SSB 6519, transferring marine pilotage rate-setting authority from the Board of Pilotage Commissioners (BPC) to the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) effective July 1, 2019.

The law allows marine pilots and shippers to file proposed rates with the UTC and also transfers consideration of the Port of Grays Harbor rate recommendations for pilotage services from the BPC to the UTC.

The UTC will conduct marine pilotage rate-making according to its customary procedures that provide a transparent, unbiased, and fair process ensuring all interested persons have an opportunity to participate.

In 2018, the UTC began a rulemaking, working with the BPC, the Port of Grays Harbor, and stakeholders to establish rules governing marine pilotage rate-setting. The new rules are published on the commission website.

For more information about the commission's regulatory activities or to sign up to receive updates, visit www.utc.wa.gov/pilotage.



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